

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17 (canceled)

18. (new) A conveyor belt system for transporting products through a bath of liquid in an oven, comprising a feed belt accommodated in a base frame, a top belt located above the feed belt and accommodated in an auxiliary frame for transporting products through the bath of liquid between the top belt and the feed belt, and an adjustable support mechanism for adjusting the distance between the feed belt and the top belt, said support mechanism comprising at least two ramp mechanisms provided on each longitudinal side of the frames, the slope of the ramp mechanisms on one longitudinal side of the frames being opposite the slope of the ramp mechanisms on the other longitudinal side of the frames, a flexible pull element that extends about both longitudinal sides of the frames and is connected to the ramp mechanisms, and means to pull said pull elements selectively in opposite directions whereby lengths of said flexible pull element on opposite sides of said frames will

move in opposite directions to provide relative movements of the ramp mechanisms and to change the distance between the belts.

19. (new) A conveyor belt system as claimed in claim 18, wherein said pull element comprises a flexible cable and said means to pull said pull element comprises a winder on which ends of said flexible cable are wound in opposite directions, whereby when said winder is rotated in one direction, lengths of said flexible cable on opposite sides of said frames will move in opposite directions.